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STOCKHOLM--GRAY-HAIRED SWEDISH AIR FORCE COL. STIG WENNERSTROM, WHOSE MANY DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE U. S. LEGION OF MERIT, PLEADED GUILTY TODAY OF CHARGES OF SELLING SWEDISH MILITARY SECRETS TO THE RUSSIANS OVER A 15-YEAR PERIOD.

WENNERSTROM, 56-YEAR-OLD FORMER AIR ATTACHE AT THE SWEDISH EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW, APPEARED FOR ARRAIGNMENT IN A MAGISTRATE'S COURT ON CHARGES OF "SERIOUS ESPIONAGE AND ILLEGAL INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES."

THE COLONEL DECLARED ONLY HIS IDENTITY AND DATE OF BIRTH IN OPEN COURT BEFORE IT WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION AT THE REQUEST OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR, DUE UNCOMFORTABLY TO THE SECRET NATURE OF THE EVIDENCE INVOLVED.

THE HEARING LASTED 70 MINUTES. AT ITS END, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COURT TOLD NEWSMEN THAT WENNERSTROM HAD PLEADED GUILTY.

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